

which is shown in Figure 1. Since “means to diffuse, disperse or scatter light from said light sources” in claims 1, 5 and 6 is shown in Figure 1, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection to the drawings.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1, 3, 5-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner indicates that the applicant has not clearly described how the means to diffuse, disperse or scatter light being connected to the housing nor the light sources. However, as noted above, means to diffuse, disperse or scatter light is described on page 9, lines 13-21 of the specification, i.e., “[e]ach substantially rigid light tube segment 14 comprises an extrusion of uniform cross-section in a plastics material selected so that it is translucent in a plastics material selected so that it is translucent in a manner whereby to diffuse, disperse or scatter the light emitted by the interior LEDs, ...” Accordingly, an embodiment of the “means to diffuse, disperse or scatter light from said light sources” in claims 1 may be represented as an extrusion of uniform cross-section in a plastics material, which is connected to the elongate housing element 14. Since “means to diffuse, disperse or scatter light from said light sources” in claim 1 is connected to “said housing”, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

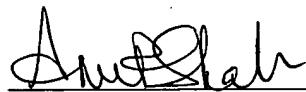
Claims 2, 5, 5-31 depend from claim 1. Applicants therefore respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 2, 5, 5-31 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit any deficiencies in connection with this response to deposit account No. 04-1425.

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